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SUBJECT: ALL ON PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG; GATES/CHIAO MEETING MAY 15

1. DURING USLO CHIEF'S CALL ON HIM MAY 15 FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO SAID "WE CAN ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT" WITH THE PREMIER. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF TIMING, BUT WE SENSE THERE WILL NOT BE A LONG DELAY.
 2. CHIAO OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY HIS PROTOCOL DIRECTOR ABOUT USLO CHIEF'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH HUA, AND WAS READY WITH THE ANSWER. THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING WITH HUA -- AND THE PRESIDENT' LETTER TO HUA-- CAME UP NATURALLY AS PART OF USLO CHIEF'S RESPONSE TO CHIAO'S EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT SINO-U.S. RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE ALONG LINES OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.
 3. CHIAO DID NOT ASK FOR THE LETTER. WE PLAN TO SEND IT TO MFA A DAY OR SO BEFORE APPOINTMENT WITH HUA.
 4. OTHER MATTERS COVERED IN 35 MINUTES OF FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH CHIAO ARE BEING REPORTED IN SEPTELS.
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